proposals have been approved by the Government. These covered 51 proposals from NRIs including 48 proposals with foreign equity participation. During the same period (April 1992 to January 1993) 515 Letters of Intent were issued and 3724 Industrial Entrepreneurs' Memoranda were field. 116 Industrial Licences were also issued.

Sales and profitability of the PSUs

1268. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the gross sales of 184 PSU's during 1991-92 had increased over 1990-91 whereas their profitability had declined;

(b) if so, what is the percentage increase in the gross sales and percentage decrease in gross profit and net profit; and

(c) what are the reasons of decline in the profit and what corrective steps have been taken in order to avert the repetition of the same during 1992-93.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The overall percentage increase in the gross sales, increase in gross profit and increase in net profit 14.43, 24.82 & 8.93 respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Sick industrial units in the country

1269. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of sick industrial units in the country as on 31st March, 1991;

(b) what are the accumulated losses of these units; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make these sick industries viable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Data on Sick Industrial Units assisted by bank in the country are compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. According to the latset R.B.I. data at the end of March, 1991, 221472 units in small scale sector and 1461 units in non-small scale sector were sick. Outstanding bank credits against these sick units are Rs. 2792.04 crores and Rs. 5105.57 crores, respectively.

(c) Government has taken number of steps for revival of sick industrial units. Some of the importatnt aspects are given in the statement.,

Steps taken by Government for revival of sick industrial units.

The Government have enacted a comprehensive legislation namely 'The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985'. A quasi-judicial body designated as 'The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)' has been set up under the Act to deal with the problems of the sick industrial companies in an effective manner, which has become operational with effect from the 15th May, 1987.

(2) The Reserve Bank of India have issued guidelines to the banks for strengthening the monitoring systems and for arresting industrial sickness at the incipient stage so that corrective measures are taken in time.

(3) The banks have also been directed by the Reserve Bank of India to formulate rehabilitation package for the revival of

potentially viable units. The banks and financial institutions evolve rehabilitation packages for the revival of sick units.

(4) Reserve Bank of India have also issued guidelines separately to the banks indicating parameters within which banks could grant reliefs and concessions for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units without reference to RBI both in the large and small scale sector.

(5) Revival of sick industrial units is also done by amalgamation/merger of sick units with healthy units. Tax benefits are given under Section 72(A) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to the healthy company for revival of the amalgamating sick unit.

(6) Government has set up the National Renewal Fund which would, inter-alia, provide for payment of compensation to workers affected by industrial restructuring.

(7) On the advice of the Government of India, Reserve Bank of India has set up State Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs) in all States under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Department of the concerned State Governments for working out a rehabilitation package for revival of viable sick small scale units.

(8) Financial assistance in the form of long term equity type assistance upto Rs. 1,50,000/- to units with a project cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs at a nominal service charge of one per cent per annum is also available to potentially viable sick small scale industrial units from the National Equity Fund set up in August, 1987.

(9) The Union Ministry of Industry is also operating a Centrally sponsored Margin Money Scheme for revival of sick small scale units, under which quantum of assistance per unit is upto Rs. 50,000/-.

(10) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been established to function as an Apex Bank for tiny and small scale industries.

A separate Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation (RSR) is being managed by SIDBI for revival of potentially viable sick small scale industrial units.

Selling the Shares of PSUs

1270. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1992 Government sold shares of different Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the individuals/agencies/companies who bought these shares with details thereof;

(d) whether prices were fixed for these shares or they were sold by auction among the bidders;

(e) whether Government propose to sell more shares of PSUs during 1993; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1991-92, Government sold shares of 30 PSUs in two tranches and realised Rs. 3038 crores. Since, the shares were sold in bundles, the price at which the shares of individual PSUs, were sold, are not available. The number of shares sold (PSUs-wise) are given in Statement-I (*See* below). During 1992-93 (upto December, 1992), Government sold in two tranches, shares of 13 PSEs by inviting open tenders from Banks, Financial Institutions, Mutual Funds, individuals etc., and realised Rs. 1865.78 crores. The details of number of shares sold and the amount realised (PSU-wise) are given in Statement-III (*See* below).

(c) The details of shares sold (party-wise) during 1991-92 and 1992-93 upto December, 1992) are given in statement-III and statement-IV respectively. (*See* below).